

REMARKS

The courtesy extended by Examiner Stevens during the telephonic interview conducted on October 9, 2008, is acknowledged with appreciation. The undersigned considers the comments set forth on the "Continuation Sheet" appended to the PTOL-413B included with the Office Action to be a full and accurate summary of the substance of the interview.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11, 13-14, and 16-21 remain in this application, while claims 3, 10, 12, and 15 are now canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The claim amendments above are made following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in sections 4-24 on pages 2-4 of the Office Action. All claims remaining in this application should now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Independent claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,714,844 to Dauner et al. As amended above, however, claim 1 incorporates limitations previously appearing in now-canceled claim 3, which was not rejected based on the Dauner et al. patent disclosure. Currently amended claim 1 should now be allowable along with the rest of the claims remaining in this application.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.57061US).

Respectfully submitted,

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